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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 21, 1999

APPLICATION OF

GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED

CASE NO. PUC990132

To implement extended local
service from its Richlands
exchange to Bell Atlantic-Virginia,
Inc.'s Davenport exchange

FINAL ORDER

On August 3, 1999, GTE South Incorporated ("GTE" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. GTE proposed to notify its Richlands exchange customers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to extend their local service to include Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc.'s ("BA-VA") Davenport exchange. Telephone customers in the Davenport exchange had previously petitioned the Commission for local calling to Richlands. In a poll conducted in response to the petition, a majority of the Davenport customers responding supported paying higher rates for local calling to Richlands. A poll of Richlands customers in response to this application was not required under § 56-484.2 A of the Code of Virginia because the proposed rate increase for

one-party residential service does not exceed five percent (5%) of the existing monthly one-party residential rate.

By Order dated September 20, 1999, the Commission directed GTE to publish notice of the proposed increases in monthly rates. Affected telephone customers were given until November 15, 1999, to file comments or request a hearing on the proposal. No comments or requests for hearing were filed. On November 15, 1999, GTE filed proof of notice as required by the Commission's September 20, 1999, Order.

On November 30, 1999, the Commission Staff submitted its report recommending approval of the Company's application. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The proposed extension of local service from GTE's Richlands exchange to BA-VA's Davenport exchange shall be implemented.

(2) GTE shall file the tariff revisions necessary for the proposed extension of local service.

(3) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this docket is closed and the papers filed herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.